



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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**NEWSLETTER NO. 17 - MAY 1997**

Dear Members,

Welcome to another dollop of your clubs' newsletter which this month has a "Joan" theme to it.

**CLUB NEWS**

**WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY SESSIONS**

Just a reminder that we are now shooting outdoors on Wednesdays from 6.45pm to 9.00pm and Sundays from 10.00am until 12 noon.

If any sessions are rained off, especially on Wednesdays, we have the option to go into the sports centre itself to discuss any problems with our shooting or to get any work done on our equipment if need be.

**DONALD**

**LASSWADE ALBION - SUNDAY 25 MAY 1997**

As tournament organiser for the above event I would be most grateful if some of you could come along well before the start of the shoot to help get the range set-up and to get everything put away at the end of the shoot. I will also need some help with the results as well. To help boost club funds a raffle is being held so if you have any donations they will be gratefully received.

**DONALD**

**BILL BOWMAN ARE YOU OUT THERE?**

If you are and are reading this newsletter, then the club would appreciate if you could get in touch with us sometime as we would like to know if you would be willing to undertake a small project for us.

Yours in hopeful anticipation!

DONALD

**CORPORATE SHOOT, JOHNSTOUNBURN - 19 APRIL 1997**

There I was, settled in for the night (Friday) looking forward to an un-eventful weekend when the phone rang. It was Bill (Carmichael) asking if I would be available to help him and Brian run a corporate shoot for a group of 30 Norwegians. How could I refuse?

We arrived in good time and were ready for the 10.00am start. However, one of the staff arrived to inform us that the start time would be delayed for about half an hour. It was not particularly warm but luckily Bill had brought a flask of coffee which helped to keep the cold at bay. So much for the dry, warm weekend predicted by the weathermen. In addition to the archery the group were also trying some new activities which included Highland dancing, small caber tossing and haggis hurling. A falconer was also there with a display of his various hawks and buzzards. During his display one of the birds flew up a nearby tree and refused to come down! It was then that I suggested to Bill and Brian that we should have a live popinjay shoot! Popinjay, for the benefit of the un-educated, is a form of archery where artificial birds are shot at. However, the bird eventually came down without the aid of an arrow!

Due to the late start each group was only allowed about 20 minutes which meant that after only 3 practise arrows, they then had to score. Some of them did quite well however and we experienced no major problems. As we were getting ready to leave the sun decided to appear. Oh well!

DONALD

**OTHER NEWS**

I would like to wrap up this month's club news by congratulating, on behalf of the club, our club secretary Joan Smith who at the recent Kate Kennedy tournament shot a new personal best of 694 and also shot a 6 gold end at 60 yards. More about Joan later on .....

DONALD

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

### **4th LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN FITA (BRS) INCORPORATING THE S.A.A. EASTERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS, LASSWADE - 30 MARCH 1997**

For this year only our Indoor Fita was combined with the Eastern Area Championships which were due to be contested back in January. The Eastern Area factor may have helped boost the attendance figures as our own Indoor Fita on its own has only attracted enough archers for an afternoon session.

A total of 82 archers from 18 clubs entered with only 9 non-starters. Only one archer arrived at the last minute as he had forgotten about the change of the clocks. Perhaps that may have accounted for some of the non-starters!

Our 3 judges for the day in order of seniority (and height) were Callum, Derek and Watty. Callum also doubled as Lord Paramount as my first choice did not show up.

The morning session went well but the afternoon session was slower due to the fact that there were quite a few inexperienced archers who had some initial problems with the rules and their score sheets.

In the Eastern Area section of the shoot, our 3 ladies Meg, Joan and Tina finished in the top six with our sole junior entrant, Jill taking the runner-up place in the girls U18 section.

The gents recurve section saw Bill Carmichael as runner-up with Jim Seymour in sixth place.

Moving on to the gents compound un-limited group, Bill MacKay was just out of the medals in fourth place with Andy Robertson just 20 points further behind to take eighth place.

The team event saw our 8 year run on the shield brought to an end by Edinburgh University with Lasswade finishing in third, just 4 points behind Penicuik.

Moving on to the Lasswade Open part of the tournament, the positions for our ladies and junior were down slightly.

Our 2 gents recurves, Bill Carmichael and Jim Seymour took fourth and ninth places and they also gained the C and B class medals respectively.

Our 2 gents compounds also finished down 2 places from their Eastern Area positions.

The team trophy was won by Links (combined score 1615) with the 3 top teams in the Eastern Area portion of the shoot pushed down one place each. Our results were as follows:-

The Eastern Area positions are followed by the Open Fita positions in brackets.

<u>LADIES</u>	4th (7th) Meg Wyse	(495)
	5th (8th) Joan Smith	(490)
	6th (9th) Tina James	(474)
<u>GIRLS U-18</u>	2nd (4th) Jill Rennie	(301)
<u>GENTS</u>	2nd (4th) Bill Carmichael plus the C Class medal for the Lasswade Open Fita.	(529)
	6th (9th) Jim Seymour plus the B Class medal for the Lasswade Open Fita.	(508)
<u>GENTS COMPOUND</u>	4th (6th) Bill MacKay	(525)
<u>UN-LIMITED</u>	8th (10th) Andy Robertson	(505)
<u>TEAM</u>	3rd (4th) Lasswade Bill Carmichael Jim Seymour Meg Wyse	(1532)

I would like to finish up by thanking our 3 judges and all my fellow members who assisted me in various ways both before and after the shoot (sorry, I forgot to thank you on the day) and Alan Walker of Penicuik AC for his help with the entry form and the scoring on the day. It is also pleasing to note that we made a good profit on the shoot.

PS. The raffle raised £84

PPS. As with our Portsmouth shoot back in November, Joan was the only lady not wearing trousers. Work that out for yourselves!

DONALD

#### **FALKIRK OPEN FITA, GRANGEMOUTH - 20 APRIL 1997**

55 archers attended this, the first shoot of the outdoor season. The weather was breezy but it warmed and brightened up by the afternoon. It was a "quiet" shoot for us with Meg finishing 12th (922) and Tina in 16th (898).

The gents recurve section saw Bill Carmichael in 14th place (888).

The shoot was supervised by Lasswade's own 3 judges (in order of seniority this time, not size!), Bill MacKay, Derek and Watty. (Poor Watty, he always ends up last! HA! HA!).

**S.A.A. WINTER POSTAL LEAGUE 1996/97**

For those of you who have not been to the club recently here are our final placings:-

<u>RECURVE DIVISION 1</u>	-	Lasswade "A"	-	6th
<u>RECURVE DIVISION 3</u>	-	Lasswade "B"	-	5th
<u>COMPOUND DIVISION</u>	-	Lasswade	-	8th

No individual awards were obtained by us.

Thanks to Bill Carmichael for providing the above information and for running the shoots. I hope we will not be short of volunteers to run the shoots for 1997/98.

PS. We will also bring you the British Archer and Glade results when Bill receives them.

DONALD

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

1997

MAY

Sunday, 25th

Lasswade Albion (BRS)

JULY

Wednesday, 2nd

Joan's 40 something birthday. Cocktails followed by a 7 course dinner at the Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh. Joan's paying! But bring a bottle of washing-up liquid just in case!!

So endeth the 17th edition of the Newsletter.

DONALD